

What is claimed is:

- 1           1.       A washing machine control method comprising steps of:  
2           supplying water to a tub for performing a final operational step;  
3           draining the water from the tub;  
4           sensing the temperature of the drained water; and  
5           controlling a dewatering speed according to the sensed water temperature.
  
- 1           2.       The method as claimed in claim 2, further comprising a step of performing a  
2           dewatering of the water in the tub, wherein the dewatering is performed at a reduced speed if  
3           the sensed temperature exceeds a predetermined temperature but is otherwise performed at a  
4           normal speed.
  
- 1           3.       The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the normal dewatering speed is  
2           limited to 1,000 rpm.
  
- 1           4.       The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the reduced dewatering speed is  
2           limited to 700 rpm.
  
- 1           5.       The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the predetermined temperature  
2           includes a plurality of referential water temperatures and wherein the reduced speed includes  
3           a plurality of correspondingly limiting dewatering speeds.